FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we come to the end of Term 1 we have had a positive time as a community as we have settled in to the changes and programs for the new year. It has been great to see the children progressing well in their learning and enjoying the varied projects. Next term promises to be just as exciting and we thank you for your ongoing support of the school program.

Next week a large number of the students will be away on camp. Mrs Michelle Meyles will be going to Kangaroo Island with the Grade 6/7 group Tuesday to Friday and I will be going to the Riverland with Grade 4/5’s from Wednesday to Friday. Mrs Jacqui Goding will be at school and may be contacted if you need to speak with admin re an urgent matter.

Mr Bob Warner will be leaving us at the end of this term due to family commitments. We have appreciated the contribution he has made to Prescott over the term and wish him and his family all the best for the future. Mrs Janine Buckley will be taking his place in Classroom 7. Janine has been working in Classroom 1 each Friday and her replacement for this position has not yet been finalised.

Children in grades 3, 5 & 7 will be participating in the National Assessment Program in week 3 of next term. If this relates to your child you will find enclosed a flyer outlining the details of this assessment. Please read the information carefully and feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

I will be taking two weeks of long service leave at the beginning of next term and using the opportunity to visit my in-laws in Cairns. Mrs Michelle Meyles will be available for any concerns that you may have during this time.

We are thankful to God for His love and goodness to each of us and we wish you God’s blessing and a happy holiday time as families.

Christine Clark

CALENDAR

9-10 April
Grade 3 Camp
to Murray Bridge

9-11 April
Grade 4/5 Camp
to Riverland

8-11 April
Grade 6/7 Camp
to Kangaroo Island

Friday
11 April
Last Day of Term
Casual Clothes & Donation

Monday
28 April
Term 2 Begins
Winter Uniform
**COMING EVENTS**

**Casual Clothes Day**
Tomorrow, Friday April 4, students are invited to wear casual clothes and bring a gold coin donation to support the work of Thai Red Cross. Funds collected will be personally delivered by Jinae and Warat’s family when they visit the Thai Red Cross Childrens Home in Bangkok in July. Thank you for your support.

**School Camps**
A few of the classes will be going on camp next week. It would be appreciated if camp fees could be paid before your child leaves for camp. Thank you.

**Last Day of Term**
Some classes will be returning from camp, but for everyone else, casual clothes can be worn. Please bring a gold coin donation to help support our Asian Aid sponsored child. School will finish at the usual time of 2.30pm.

**FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

**Premiers Reading Challenge**
Hope your reading is well underway by now. The upcoming school holidays will be the perfect opportunity to get plenty of reading done. Keep up the good work.

**After School Sports**
Students will be able to participate in the After School Sports activities again next term. The activities being offered for Term 2 are AFL football on Tuesdays or Athletics on Wednesdays. The program will run from Week 2—Week 8. Students are supervised from the close of school and need to be collected by 5.00pm or they will be sent to OSHC where the normal fees apply. Enclosed you will find a consent form. If your child wishes to participate please complete the form and return it ASAP. It would be appreciated if forms could be returned before the end of this term and they definitely need to be back by the end of Week 1 next term.

**Uniform Shop**
Just a reminder that in Term 2 students need to be wearing winter uniform. Please check your cupboards to see if you need to purchase any winter uniform items. The Uniform Shop is open on Wednesday & Thursday from 8.45-9.15am and 3.00-3.30pm. It will also be open during the holidays on Thursday, April 24 from 11.00am—1.00pm.

**Winter Uniform for Term 2**
Please encourage your child to have pride in their uniform by ensuring they are dressed in correct uniform each day. Thank you.

**Girls Winter Uniform**
- Regulation pinafore (Rec-Year 4) or Skirt (Yr 5-7)
- White long-sleeve shirt with pointed collar
- School regulation tie
- Navy blue v-necked jumper with logo
- White knee-high or ankle socks or navy tights (Grade 6/7 can wear black stockings)
- Black lace-up or buckled polished school shoes
- Blue, white or maroon hair ties, clips, etc.

**Boys Winter Uniform**
- White long-sleeve tuck-in shirt
- College grey school trousers (long cotton cargo pants are not permitted)
- School regulation tie
- Navy blue v-necked jumper with logo
- Grey socks & black lace-up polished school shoes

**Sports Uniform**
- Navy trackpants or shorts
- Light blue or navy blue T-shirt (long or short sleeve)
- Navy blue v-necked school jumper
- White or navy blue sports socks
- Sports shoes and hats are still required

If the weather is unseasonably warm when Term 2 begins, students may continue to wear their summer uniform to suit the weather conditions. Please ensure that they are dressed in either full winter or full summer uniform, not a combination of both.

**Animal Babysitters**
The animals in the Science Room continue to need carers over the weekends. If your family is able to take care of any of the animals at any time during Term 2, please complete the enclosed form and return to school ASAP. A roster will then be organized. Thank you for your help.
Kids Canteen
Kids Canteen is working hard at finding foods that get the green tick. We are now selling:
97% Fat Free Chicken & Beef Noodles $1.50 each.
Reduced Fat Big M—Choc, Strawberry or Honeycomb—$1.50 each.
Snakata Snack Packs and Rice Wheels— 80c each.

Vacation Care
Please note that most days are booked out with limited spaces in the remaining days. Confirmation notices have been sent out. We are currently working on creating more vacancies and you will be notified when these vacancies become available. Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to a fun time during the holidays.

Lunchtime Chess Club
This term has been an exciting one at our Chess Club with two groups being organised due to the demand. Lunchtime Chess Club will be offered again next term on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, commencing in Week 3. If your child is not already a regular chess player but would like to join please ask at the front office for a consent form. The cost is $24 which needs to be paid by Friday, May 9.

Book Club
A Book Club order was received with no name on it. If you have not received your order, please check in Student Reception to see if this order is yours. Please ask for Mrs Bullas.

FUNDRAISING

Spring Bulbs
Thank you to all those who have supported our Bulb Fundraiser. Your orders are now being processed. Delivery of orders is anticipated early next term. The winners of the prize baskets will be announced once all orders have been processed.

Mothers Day Stall
Donation for the Mothers Day Stall are gratefully accepted, but please keep them coming. Suggestions for items needed include mugs, wrapped lollies, soap, face washers, photo frames, notebooks. Any donations can be left at the front office marked “Mothers Day”.

We also need volunteers to help with wrapping the gifts for the stall. If you are able to help on Wednesday, 30 April please meet in the Hall at 9.00am. Thank you.

Recyclables—Help Needed
Don’t forget to drop your recyclable bottles, cans, cartons etc. into the orange bin at the rear of the office. Also we are needing a volunteer to take our recycling items to the depot in Old Reynella. If you are able to help please leave a message at the front office.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adventurers
Just a reminder for all 5-9 year olds that there will be an Adventurer meeting this Saturday night, April 5. Meet in the church foyer from 6.30-9.00pm for games, stories, crafts and a lot of fun. Hope to see you there.

Indoor Soccer Clinics
The Hub Recreation Centre are offering weekly soccer clinics beginning in Week 2 of Term 2. Clinics are open to boys and girls aged 5-12 years. It is a great way for children to learn the basics of the game, whilst developing their skills and meet new friends. Clinics will run every Thursday of the school term from 4.00-5.00pm at a cost of $35. To register your child, call 8270 3900.

Sustainable Living Expo
April 5 & 6 from 10.00-4.00pm at the Arts Centre, Port Noarlunga. Stalls include Herbs, Composting Systems, Bush Gardens, Seed Savers and more. Seminars include Moving Towards Sustainability (Sat.) and Encouraging Wildlife to our Backyard (Sun.), bookings essential on 8326 5577. Also includes an exhibition of recycled and recovered materials by SA artists from April 5 to May 4.

“I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”
Jump Rope for Heart

Dear Parents

This year our school is participating in Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart, a great program that encourages children to try and enjoy physical activity, while raising funds in support of the Heart Foundation’s life saving work.

With almost one in four children in Australia at risk of developing heart health problems and other conditions such as Type II Diabetes in later life, it is now as important as ever for Australian children to engage in regular physical activity and healthy eating practices.

2008 is the 25th birthday of Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart. Supported by 25th birthday broadcaster partner Cartoon Network, the Heart Foundation has chosen to draw attention to its important messages through holding a special children’s participation event that will highlight the fun of easy physical activity that the whole school community and families can enjoy.

At the same time, the event will reinforce the ongoing need to raise funds for the work of the Heart Foundation in furthering cardiovascular research and delivering educational and supportive community health programs.

On May 9, we will join the Heart Foundation and other schools throughout Australia in an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the most people rope skipping at one time (multiple venues) for three minutes at 11.30EST.

The record is based on the number of people actively skipping simultaneously. The record for this activity was last broken in 2006 in the UK, with 7,632 people achieving a best-ever, official number.

We are participating at this event in our school at 11.00am on May 9 and would love for your child/ren to participate. You and other family members are also welcome to join in the fun!

For your child to participate please complete the enclosed consent form and return it to school by the end of Week 1 Term 2 (Friday, May 2). Also enclosed is your child’s sponsorship form. There are prizes to be won! All sponsorship forms (whether completed or not) must be returned at the end of the Jump Rope for Heart Program (May 9) as they are Jump Rope for Heart official receipt forms.

Thank you for joining in the fun and we look forward to skipping into the history books together!

Sanitarium Breakfast

On a date yet to be finalised all students will be provided with a healthy breakfast by our friends at Sanitarium. More details will be available once we know the date, so stay tuned.

Here are five reasons to eat breakfast:

**Kick start your brain**—Because we haven’t eaten since the night before, a healthy breakfast restores the body’s energy, especially for the brain.

**Get your body pumping**—Research shows that breakfast speeds up your metabolism, which helps us to burn energy faster.

**Boost your nutrient intake**—people who eat breakfast generally eat less fat, more fibre and have higher intakes of vitamins such as calcium, iron and magnesium.

**Boost your mood**—research consistently shows that breakfast eaters tend to have a more positive mood, are calmer and less stressed.

**Think and perform better**—people who eat a good breakfast have better concentration and memory and are more likely to be efficient at work or school than those who skip breakfast.